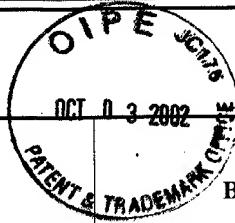


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
NOTICE OF APPEAL (Large Entity)**

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of March 27, 2002 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

The fee for the extension of time is \$920 and is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-1666

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